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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM "TFSC PRESIDENT" DENKTASH TO PRESIDENT
CARTER

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER DATED NOV 17 FROM
"TFSC PRESIDENT" RAUF DENKTASH TO PRESIDENT CARTER. ORIGINAL
WILL BE POUCHED TO EUR/SE.

2. QUOTE: YOUR EXCELLENCY, WITH REFERENCE TO THE RECENT
U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEBATES ON CYPRUS DURING THE THIRTY-
SECOND SESSION OF THE WORLD BODY, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO
EXPRESS, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND THE TURKISH CYPRIOT
COMMUNITY, OUR APPRECIATION AND INDEED GRATITUDE, FOR THE
REALISTIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE VIEWS EXPRESSED THERE BY THE
HONOURABLE U.S. DELEGATE WITH REGARD TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.
THIS POSITIVE ATTITUDE, WHICH WAS ALSO REFLECTED IN THE
U.S. NON-SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION 35/15 (XXXII)--WHICH,
INCIDENTALLY, DOES NOTHING BUT HURT CHANCES FOR A CYPRUS
SOLUTION--RENEWES AND STRENGTHENS OUR BELIEF THAT
DESPITE THE EFFORTS OF THE
POWERFUL GREEK LOBBY, THE
U.S. WILL NOT DEVIATE FROM AN IMPARTIAL COURSE ON THE ISSUE.

YOUR EXCELLENCY IS WELL AWARE THAT THE TURKISH
CYPRIOT COMMUNITY HAS ALREADY MADE PUBLIC ITS POSITION
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ON THE AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTION. WE FULLY AGREE WITH
THE U.S. VIEW THAT HIS RESOLUTION 'IS NOT A DOCUMENT
THAT POINTS THE WAY TO A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO THE
CYPRUS PROBLEM;' THAT 'IT EXAGGERATES THE THREAT TO
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY THAT THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS
REPRESENTS,' AND THAT 'IT OVEREMPHASIZES THE ROLE OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN THE CYPRUS MATTER....' DESPITE

THE POSITIVE ELEMENT THAT CALLS FOR A RESUMPTION OF MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES TO BE CONDUCTED ON AN EQUAL FOOTING, THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE, IN ANY CASE, FINDS THE RESOLUTION UNACCEPTABLE IN TOTO AND NOT BINDING, BY VIRTUE OF THE FACT THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN AN EQUAL RIGHT OF HEARING IN THE ASSEMBLY.

THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE, IN THE FIRM CONVICTION THAT THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, WHERE THE NEGOTIATING PARTIES ARE REPRESENTED BEGIN UNDERLINE ON AN EQUAL BASIS END UNDERLINE, IS THE ONLY FORUM AT WHICH A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM CAN BE FOUND, IS VEHEMENTLY AGAINST ANY PROPOSED SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM PRESCRIBED BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, OR THE DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUE AT SUCH PLATFORMS IN OUR ABSENCE. FAR FROM CONTRIBUTING TO OR BRINGING ABOUT A SETTLEMENT, THIS KIND OF AN APPROACH IS BOUND TO BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE IN OUR SEARCH FOR LASTING PEACE IN THE ISLAND. WE EARNESTLY HOPE, THEREFORE, THAT WHEN THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE, AS PART OF ITS DECLARED POLICY OF INTERNATIONALIZING THE PROBLEM, ATTEMPTS TO EXPLOIT OR CAPITALIZE ON THOSE PARTS OF RESOLUTION 35/15 (XXXII) WHICH ARE MANIFESTLY ONE-SIDED, SELF-DEFEATING AND VULNERABLE TO EXPLOITATION, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AS A REQUISITE OF JUSTICE AND PEACE, WILL NOT HESITATE TO DO ITS SHARE IN PREVENTING SUCH ATTEMPTS

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WHOSE SUCCESS WOULD HAVE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE PEACE OF OUR REGION.

PLEASE ACCEPT, YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. (SIGNED) RAUF R. DENKTASH, PRESIDENT OF THE TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS.

END QUOTE.

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